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Letter dated 17 September 2014 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit herewith a statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine concerning the statement of Russian Defence Minister Sergey Shoygu on the deployment of a full-scale and self-sufficient military force in Crimea (see annex).

I should be grateful if the present letter and its annex were circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex to the letter dated 17 September 2014 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine concerning the statements of Russian Defence Minister Sergey Shoygu

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine is concerned about a statement by Russian defence minister Sergey Shoygu circulated in a number of Russian media outlets concerning the deployment of a full-scale and self-sufficient military force in Crimea.

Having created a "grey zone" in part of the sovereign territory of Ukraine, which de facto is currently not covered by any multilateral arrangements in the sphere of arms control, the Russian Federation continues to build up its military presence in the Crimea and to create military attack groupings with unclear objectives. The reasons for such military preparations provided by the Russian defence minister — a build-up of a foreign military presence near Russian borders and the aggravation of the situation in Ukraine — cannot withstand scrutiny, especially considering the recently reached ceasefire agreement in the Donetsk and Luhansk regions.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine regards the statement of Sergey Shoygu as one that destabilizes the situation in the entire Black Sea region.

Ukraine urges the Russian Federation to stop provocative actions that threaten the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine and peace in the region.